

ABSTRACT

A collapsible animal container (10) having a lightweight construction is disclosed. The animal container (10) is constructed of a flexible housing (12) suspended by rigid panels (14) separated by struts (16). The housing (12) includes a top wall, bottom wall, a pair of end walls and a pair of sidewalls. One or more struts (16) are provided and are biased between the rigid panels (14) to maintain the animal container (10) in an open and usable configuration. When removed, the struts (16) may be stored in pockets (20) formed in the sidewalls to simplify transport. A strap (36) and/or leash may also be provided to bundle the rigid panels (14) together when not in use or for transport. A handle (18) may also be incorporated into the animal container (10) or strap (36), particularly, to further simplify transport.

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